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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Prior to examination please make the following amendments:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to – PREPARATION OF SUBSTITUTED ISOSERINE ESTERS USING METAL ALKOXIDES AND BETA-LACTAMS – .

The filing receipt for this application showed an incorrect title. Applicants brought this error to the attention of the Office in a letter dated January 30, 2004. For the convenience of the Office, the correct title is stated again here.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, following the Title of the Invention please insert the following paragraph:

– This invention was made with Government support under NIH Grant #CA 42031 and NIH Grant #CA 55131 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The Government has certain rights in the invention. –